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JAMES REEDER is said to be a candidate for judge, with more than a fair prospect for carrying his own county of Ellis.

NEARLY 3000 cases of horse glanders from various Kansas points have been reported to Dr. Holcombe, state veterinarian.

THERE is talk of E. A. McMath, Esq., of Grainfield, being a candidate for the Republican nomination for district judge. Mr. McMath is a splendid man.

THE primaries to select delegates to the county convention are to be held in the various townships of Trego county on Monday next, between the hours of 2 o'clock and 6 p. m. Don't forget it, and say that you have had no notice to this effect.

ONE of the grandest things which any court could possibly do was the sending of Mackin, the Chicago perjurer, to prison for five years. This sentence is at once an act of justice and an emphatic rebuke to the class of fellows who insist that "everything is fair in politics." A liar or a perjurer in politics is just as mean as a liar or a perjurer in any thing else. As the people make advancement in doing their own political thinking, they will do more and more of their own political work, and eventually bring about a period when the pot-house politician will either be a thing of the past or a thing of the present without prestige.

THE Wa-Keeney WORLD wants trees planted in the middle of the streets, and the city council of Stockton are discussing the same thing. We have no doubt that trees and other vegetation would flourish nicely in the streets of such towns as Stockton and Wa-Keeney, but Alton is not that kind of a burg.—[Alton, (late Bull City), Empire.] Yes, we understand all about that. You mean that the hogs in Alton would injure the trees in the middle of your streets by nosing too much around the roots, and that the cattle would keep the limbs nipped off. That does make it bad in towns where no business is going on in the streets!

LEW HEADLEY'S mind runs to ethics. We would not have suspected it under ordinary circumstances. But he last week, stole an editorial of ours. This editorial treated principally of the ethical features of Herat. When Headley came to that word he put it ethical. That's all right—if the populations in and around Herat are anything but ethical. We delight to see editors letting their minds roam in the direction of ethics—if they do have to give logic a black eye, and steal to accomplish the feat. Headley's Gay-lord Herald seems to be attempting to rival that other ever esteemed contemporary, Doc. Jenkin's Kirwin Chief, as a great religious daily.

THE DAY.

Our shriek for information from the chairman of the judicial committee of this district as to what day he intends the Republican convention to be held has brought from that gentleman this characteristic note:

To the Editor of the World:—The judicial convention of this district will be held on the 27th day of July—God and high water permitting—the mistake as to date in the Stockton papers notwithstanding.

Respectfully,

L. C. SMITH.

So, the WORLD has had the date right all the while.

Shorty for Horse Stealing.

Hays City Ger. Advocate, 4.
On Monday night one of Cook's detective force took "Shorty" Taylor from here to Colorado. Taylor is charged with horse-stealing, and, upon a requisition from Governor Martin, he was taken to Colorado. Sheriff Miller accompanied the party as far as Ellis, and our county attorney, thinking the requisition was a little weak in spots, also took the train for Ellis for the purpose of capturing "Shorty" from the hands of the detective, having a constable and deputy on hand to take the prisoner and bring him back to Hays. Revolvers in the hands of the sheriff, detective and constable flourished for a while, but "Shorty" did not delay his trip to the mountains, as the constable, deputy and county attorney failed to persuade the sheriff and detective to give him up.

COLORADO COLORING.

A Voice from a Succession of Peaks and Valleys.

SAGUACHE, COLO., June 30.

To the Editor of the World:

DEAR SIR:—The nights in the San Luis valley are so exquisitely pleasant that we wake late in the morning with a sensation of thankfulness to the Being Who has furnished us with such delicious repose. In the morning the air is so pure, so cool, so refreshing and so invigorating that one feels like attempting most anything that sounds sufficiently great and venturesome.

It was this peculiar element in the atmosphere that urged me before breakfast Sunday morning to make the ascent of a mountain, near three miles to the summit. We first crossed the broad, flat mesa, blooming with cactus and checo, and soon commenced the ascent, scrambling over many loose, sliding rocks, climbing precipitous cliffs, drawing ourselves up by means of little twigs and getting a foothold on some protrusion from the great mountain side.

The scene from the acme of this high hill is beyond my province to describe. The picturesque valley to the east spotted with fields of thriving grain, herds of cattle grazing quietly and unconcernedly, healthy-looking aged groves; while a little to the south rushes and dashes over its rocky channel the Saguache creek, famed in Indian legend and tradition. But a few years ago it relieved the thirst of the fierce beast and the savage man. Now its waters are diverted into numerous irrigating ditches which solve forever the question of rain and supplies every variety of animal and vegetable with this all necessary liquid.

Beyond rise abruptly the noble and beautiful Sangre de Christo range, their needle-pointed peaks resembling the teeth in a great saw, while far to the south stands Mount Blanca like a great king among his subjects, clothed with an eternal silvery angelic robe, and reaching the imposing and lofty elevation of 15,464 feet above the sea level. On the west the bold, rugged Cochetopa is reached after viewing over a number of gradually ascending hills, which rise in a uniform and systematic manner like the seats in a vast amphitheater. The air is wonderfully transparent. Looking south peaks in New Mexico can be seen over one hundred miles distant, sparkling and dazzling in the clear morning sunlight.

Such a scene as this would require all the superlatives in the language to do even partial justice. It is better for you to imagine than for me to attempt description with my unpoetic pen this remarkable and sublime aspect, which has completely overwhelmed me with its unspeakable grandeur.

The air here, on account of its dryness and purity and total absence of foul matter of any kind, is peculiarly a fountain of health to the asthmatic and consumptive. There are no sudden changes in the barometer. The salutary effects on the invalid are marked. Health is restored to the sufferer, the faded cheek is made to blossom afresh, the stagnant fluids of the body are made to flow with renewed vigor, and the emaciated form is changed to one robust and muscular.

Each afternoon we have a gentle breeze which never reaches the excited state of wind, and always sinks to rest with the ruler of the day.

Saguache county, Colo., can applaud herself for being able to represent more than ordinary intelligence among her white people as compared with other western counties.

The county seat, of about 600 inhabitants, has an excellent graded school, and a high standing of teachers are employed throughout the county, only the most proficient teachers and complete scholars being able to pass the severe examinations.

A large per centum of the inhabitants, however, are a conglomeration of the Indian, Mexican and Spanish. They talk a mixed language, and live in a low-lived and miserable way, on rations which would scarcely support a "Chinese laundryman." Their dress has decidedly an oriental appearance, and is of the cheapest variety of ill-fitting clothing to be found anywhere. They live in small villages by themselves, called "plazas." The houses are principally made of sundried brick, with a meager covering of poles, grass and dirt. The color of the

adobes, as they are called, varies with the locality from a dark brown or grey to light. Their association with the whites is beginning to show. Several of the Mexican districts have well established schools, and in some instances teachers have been able to perceive that they had supplied a spark of ambition with material which will eventually leap into a flame. This is encouraging, for it is the result of much patient and fatiguing labor. Education is destined to have its influence over them, as it does over every people. This people, for they do not have a nationality, inherit the habitual sloth and inaction and cowardice of the Mexican, the treacherous and perfidious dispositions of the Indian, and the love of music and amusement of the Spanish. Time and steady persevering work will, however, Americanize these depraved minds. This people will surely succumb to the powerful influences and inducements offered by civilization.

The San Luis valley, with its few drawbacks, is destined to become one of the richest cattle regions and wealthiest farming districts in the "Great West." Many will come on account of the salubrious climate, others will come prompted by the "spirit of gain." Whether in search of health or wealth, both will bow to the mandates of the "ruster."

Yours truly, RICK.

Trego County Normal Institute.

On the 20th inst. our normal institute will be opened, and continue thence four weeks.

Arrangements have been completed for the work, which promise the best possible results with our present facilities. In a fuller measure of compliance with the design of the normal, Trego county will this year devote more special attention to the professional course, special didactics, etc. The prospect for an unusually large attendance is very encouraging. Special features will be a lecture each week and a sociable. The sociable to be sandwiched with musical and literary cream cakes.

Every teacher in Trego and adjoining territory is invited to attend and to bring actively into the work his best efforts in all useful ways. We want the resultant power of the combined wisdom and experience of all. Let every teacher bring every possible auxiliary within his command, and let every one come with his ideas burnished to the highest degree of illumination.

J. WORD CARSON,

Ben C. Rich,

Co. Supt.

Standpoint of Observation.

July 4.

To the Editor of the Western Kansas World:

DEAR SIR:—Is the silence, profound, respecting the uniformity of school text books, to be interpreted as meaning that the subject has been forgotten in Trego county? Or, shall it be interpreted as a want of interest on the subject? Or does it mean that the subject is not ripe enough for agitation? If not any of these, what does it mean? It is assumed for this writing that the best interests of the public schools require uniformity of text books. Reasons:

It unifies school work; its adoption assures the use of the best books, since the adoption would be upon the recommendation of a capable committee, appointed especially for that purpose.

If uniformity be determined upon, changes in district boundaries, removals from one to another part of the county will work no inconvenience, neither add expense on account of coming to a foreign book region. It would assure a sufficient stock of books in the county that could always be supplied when the books are needed, avoiding tiresome delays while orders are being filled and shipped by eastern houses. It would facilitate better work among teachers, because, using the same texts in all schools, teachers must become more familiar with them, and consequently more efficient in their work. Time forbids further specifications. The question will come before the respective school district boards for decision at their August meeting. The question ought to be considered by the people of the county, and the district boards be fully prepared to act in the matter at their forthcoming August meetings.

With this notice of the subject we wait for development of further signs till next week.

O. B. SEVIER.

LOCAL HISTORIC LORE.

The Most Prosperous County in Kansas.

With Some Facts Upon Which We Base the Statement.

We have, in a quiet, but thoroughly reliable, manner, come across the following facts, which every admirer of Trego county will ponder with pleasure:

The total indebtedness of Trego county is \$4,500, which is held by the state school fund, and bears 6 per cent. interest. The bonds are subject to redemption at any time, and it is said that sufficient funds are in the hands of the county treasurer to take up two of the bonds of \$500 each. Our county warrants have commanded par for over two years. The amount expended for county purposes for the year ending June 30, 1885, was \$5,665.05.

The bonded indebtedness of the school districts in Trego county is \$900, making the total bonds now outstanding in this county aggregate \$5,400.

The several townships are all out of debt, and the same can be said of nearly all the school districts.

No other county in Kansas can make such a favorable showing as Trego county. None can show so small an amount of bonded or floating indebtedness. No other county has been so economically and wisely managed. The class of people who settled this county did not believe in plunging it recklessly into debt. As an evidence of their character, no criminal case has been tried in the district court for the last two terms.

This year the county levy will be lighter than ever before—about half what it was in 1884.

The school land sales in Trego county and the attached unorganized counties of Gove, St. John and Wallace, for the six months ending June 30, amount to 47,473 acres, which were sold for the sum of \$154,371.95, or an average of \$3.25 an acre. There are now about 10,400 acres of state school lands in Trego county remaining unsold.

The total value of all taxable property in Trego county, including the unorganized counties attached, is \$1,666,691.12, distributed as follows:

Glencoe township.....	\$ 68,267.64
Ogallah ".....	116,896.79
Wa-Keeney ".....	273,474.71
Collyer ".....	158,238.45

Total, Trego county.....	616,877.59
Gove county.....	379,956.93
St. John ".....	349,248.71
Wallace ".....	320,607.89

Unorganized counties... 1,049,813.53

TEALE'S TROUBLES.

In Court for Maiming His Wife.

Living in Gove county, six miles south of Buffalo Park, is a family by the name of Teale. The head of this family is an Englishman by birth, and America probably got a doubtful bargain when she adopted him. He is said to be about forty-five years old, and his wife about the same age. They have two children—boys—one probably fourteen years old and the other ten.

The complaint on which Teale was tried before Justice Groat, in Wa-Keeney, on Wednesday of last week, was for striking his wife with a stick, or club, which had a nail in one end of it, and splitting her upper lip, breaking the bridge of her nose and damaging the lower lid of an eye on or about June 1, 1885. The defendant was found guilty, fined fifty dollars and costs and bound over in the sum of \$300 to keep the peace for a year.

The conviction was the result of what several neighbors testified to as having been told them by Mrs. Teale soon after the brutal attack. Before trial day the husband and wife had things fixed up. She testified in court that "it was an accident."

Teale really got off very easily. In fact, we guess he thinks so. To Rev. J. Q. A. Weller, the prosecuting witness, Gove county and Kansas owe a debt of gratitude. Wife-beating should be made so dangerous that just after it has been indulged in, the beater would kill himself.

Capt. J. W. Carson, of this city, has been invited by the executive committee of the State Teachers' association to prepare a paper on Bookkeeping, to be read at the next meeting of the association. The association will meet on December 23, and continue in session three days.

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